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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Vineth Ranasingha
 4 years on April 28

Theekshana Manelka
 15 years on March 27

Read-a-Book and win a voucher from Vijitha Yapa Bookshop

Read any book of your choice and write briefly about it. What we want is not just a summary of the story but your views on the book. The best account in the three age groups will be awarded book vouchers of Rs. 500 each from Vijitha Yapa Bookshop. Three winners will be selected each month.

Your account should not exceed 200 words.

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Read-a-Book Competition

Name :

Date of birth :

Address :

School:

Tel:

Finished book on :

Please fill in the coupon and attach it to your entry.

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Win super books from

Age: 9 years and below

Word Count: 150

Topic: How I celebrated the New Year

Win: Stuart Little by E. B. White

Stuart Little is no ordinary mouse. Though he's shy and thoughtful, he has a very adventurous spirit. When his best friend, a little bird called Margalo, disappears from her nest, Stuart goes out into the wide world on his greatest adventure of all to look for her. But will he find her?

Write at the top of your Essay

■ Book Competition ■ Essay Topic

Age: 10 – 12 years

Word Count: 150 – 200

Topic: A storybook character you admire and why

Win: Dork Diaries – Spectacular Superstar by Rachel Renee Russell

Nikki Maxwell and her bandmates are looking forward to an awesome time on tour as the opening act for the world-famous Bad Boyz! The only downside? Nikki's frenemy, Mackenzie Hollister, has weaselled her way onto the tour as a social guru...

Age: 13 – 15 years

Word Count: 200 – 250

Topic: How you spent your previous vacation

Win: Dragon Teeth by Michael Crichton

1876. Two paleontologists, desperate to beat each other in their quest to find dinosaur fossils, brave the lawless territories of the Wild West. Facing hostile Indian tribes and towns where pistol fights are a daily occurrence, each excursion puts their lives in danger.

Book Competition WINNERS!

9 years and below	10 – 12 years	13 – 15 years
Your favourite room in your house and why	How the weather affects us	Helping someone who is differently-abled
Senuri Gunawardana Methodist College, Colombo	Nisma Nawfer Fathima B.M.V., Puttalam	Githuja Kirierathan Ladies' College, Colombo

April 20

News in Pictures



Bamako, Mali

Children help out with domestic chores. Half of Mali's population is between the ages of 0 and 14.



Seoul, South Korea

South Korean university students shave their hair in protest, in front of the Japanese embassy, against Japan's decision to release radioactive water from the Fukushima nuclear power plant into the ocean. On April 13, the Japanese government decided to discharge radioactive water from the crippled Fukushima plant into the Pacific Ocean.



Glyko Nero, Cyprus

Louis Hadjioannou, a marine ecologist, dives to photograph the coral, as he monitors the impact of climate change on the delicate fauna in the crystal clear waters in Ayia Napa, off Cyprus's south-eastern shore. For the past nine years, Hadjioannou has recorded the effect of rising sea temperatures on the corals near Cape Greko and is striving to raise awareness to save the marine diversity of the Cypriot waters for the next generation of islanders.



Pekanbaru, Malaysia

Wildlife agency rangers rescue a Malayan tapir, an endangered species on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List, after it fell into a villager's fish pond in Riau.

Nefyn, Wales

Houses are seen on the edge of a cliff after it collapsed in the village.



Madrid, Spain

Visitors look at the Biombo with the Conquest of Mexico and View of Mexico City painting during its presentation at the Prado Museum. The artwork is dated back to the 17th century and belonged to the Duke of Moctezuma.

April 19



Wellington, New Zealand

Families are reunited after travellers arrive on the first flight from Sydney, as Australia and New Zealand open a trans-Tasman quarantine-free travel bubble.

Des Moines, USA

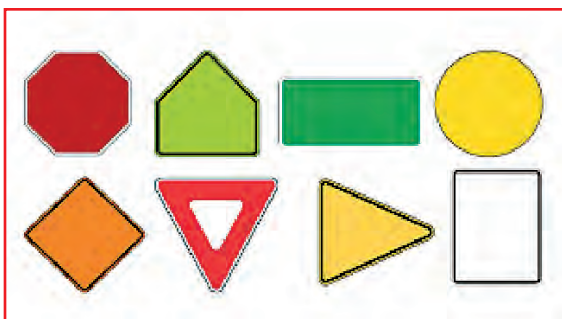
Myrtle Mae is named winner of the Beautiful Bulldog contest at Drake University's Knapp Center in Iowa. Twenty-one English bulldogs competed for the title.





You have seen many traffic signs as you travel to your school and back. Have you noticed that they have different shapes? Our brains process shapes quicker than words and each traffic sign shape communicates a different message. Understanding these shapes and their meanings can enhance the safety of everybody using the roads.

Knowing signs by their appearance helps drivers to adjust their driving by conveying information for comprehension and quick reaction.



TRIANGLE shaped signs always mean 'Yield'.



This means that you are required to give right-of-way to other drivers

ahead. For easy identification, they are placed upside down, with the point of the triangle pointing toward the ground.

PENNANT shaped traffic signs mark the beginning of the area where you may not pass other vehicles.



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RECTANGLE signs that are placed horizontally provide various types of guidance to drivers. They have a broad kind of usage in terms of the meaning that is conveyed to the motorists.



Vertical rectangle signs inform drivers about regulations such as speed limits.



DIAMOND shaped signs warn about potential hazards in the roadway.



A warning is always posted on a diamond shaped sign.

TRAPEZIUM shaped signs identify a recreational or cultural interest or forest areas.



PENTAGON shaped signs are used to indicate that there is a school zone ahead or a school crossing zone. These are usually placed pointing upwards.



OCTAGON shape is exclusively for stop signs. This sign notifies the driver to stop and proceed when it is safe. An octagonal sign could be understood from multiple directions.



CIRCULAR road signs are used to alert drivers to railroads or danger up ahead. Traffic engineers have tried to create standardized



shapes based on the idea that the more sides a shape has, the more danger it indicates. As an example, the circle which can be understood as a figure with unlimited number of sides is used for train crossings.

Pay attention to these traffic sign shapes as it may save lives.

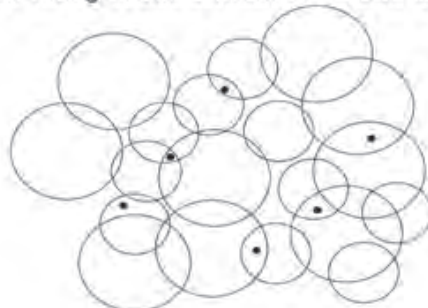
Math Plot – 52

Try to find the solution to the following puzzle.

You may send solutions with reasoning to ndesilva@osc.lk within the next three days.

Please include your full name, date of birth, home address, contact details and the name of your school along with the solution.

How many Circles contain the black dot?



Math Plot 51 Solution

The answer is 2178.

The winner is

Mohamed Kiyaz Imthiaz
of St. Joseph's Boys College,
Grandpass.

Congratulations!

This article is part of a continuing series on the history of Sri Lanka

The mess the Dutch Company got into



1 There weren't sufficient clergy to provide religious services to those who changed their religion, according to Dutch rules. The Dutch did not make much effort either to increase the number of clergy or to maintain those in service. There were only about 12 of their religious leaders.

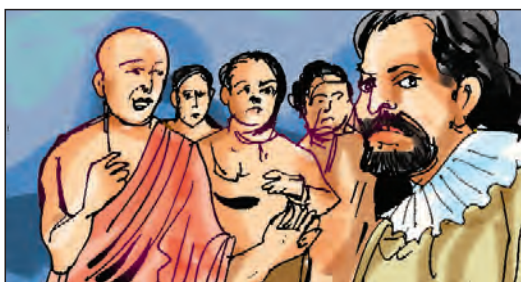


2 The priests understood that those who accepted their religion were secretly following their own religion. This made them disgusted. The clergy requested the Company to ban people from following their previous religious beliefs. They also wanted the Company to impose rules regarding the building of temples.



5 The Dutch Company was scared to dissatisfy either the king or the Mahanayake priests who were helping them. On the other hand, the Dutch clergy were against the idea. Thus the Company got into a terrible mess.

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3 It was no easy task to impose such rules. The people realized that the Company had made friends with the king and got the king's help to bring priests from Pegu. Thus the people sought the king's help in this religious question to help the people living in Dutch areas.



4 In 1688, a team of delegates from Colombo came to Kandy, to discuss the granting of religious freedom to those living in the Dutch areas and how to free the temples in these areas. This was a difficult period for the Dutch.

Permit granted to the king's ships



6 The governor agreed to consider the opposition of the Dutch clergy. He requested a period of time for that. In the meantime, the clergy forwarded an appeal to their mother country, requesting the introduction of laws relating to religion. The advice received from Holland was in favour of the clergy.



7 Thereby the request by the Sinhala delegates was to be rejected. There was no significant change however, to the conditions they forwarded. The delegates from the hill country strongly appealed to make the harbours available for the king, to carry on trade.



10 Then spread a rumour that the king was preparing for war. The Dutch were alarmed at bearing the cost of the war and the loss that would be caused. The Company then gave the permit to the ships carrying the king's flag, to sail. But ultimately the Dutch got to know the rumours of war were false.

To be continued....



8 The Dutch Company did not agree to allow that to happen. After that, the king's men got a ship loaded with arecanuts and tried to sail past Kalpitiya, carrying the king's flag. The Dutch stopped the ship.



9 As a result, King VimaladharmaSuriya II, forced the Dutch to hand back all the harbours, keeping only the forts. The result was the Dutch wanted the king to pay back all the loan money due to them. Until such time that the money was paid back, the Dutch were not going to give back the lands under their control.

History Quiz - 12

Q: What resulted when King VimaladharmaSuriya II tried to force the Dutch to hand back all the harbours?



History Quiz - 11

► **Sarasi Balasuriya,**
Udathuththiripitiya



Nick the Chick

I have a little chick
His name is chubby Nick
He is a picky chick
Who has never turned
sick



Nick knows how to kick
And he plays funny tricks
His beak is like a toothpick
And is as fast as a mouse click

Methula Palliyaguruge (8 years)
Gateway College, Colombo

Please remember that **ARTICLES, POEMS** and **PAINTINGS** sent, will not be published unless they are certified as your own work by a parent or teacher. Also please mention the topic, your full name, date of birth and address in your entry. Articles should not exceed 200 words. Art should be on A4 size paper. Remember to write the date that you send your entries.



Nature

Nature is made up of everything we see around us such as trees, flowers, plants, animals, sky, mountains, forests and more. Human beings depend on nature to stay alive. Nature helps us to breathe, gives us food, water, shelter, medicine and clothes.

We find many colours in nature which make the Earth beautiful. Animals, fish, insects also get their food and shelter from nature. Different trees grow due to sunlight and water provided by nature.

Humans should stop causing harm to the elements of nature for their needs. Nature is very important to maintain the growth and balance of life on Earth.

Elisha Nethaly (10 years)
Highlands College, Maharagama

My favourite author

My favourite author is Rosie Banks. She wrote 'Secret Princesses', 'Secret Kingdom' etc. She wrote magical books. They are adventurous as well. She is a young author.

The first book I got was 'Secret Kingdom Unicorn Valley'. Her first book of the Secret Kingdom series was 'Enchanted Palace'. I have many books written by her. I like her books very much.

Nulara Jayawickrama (9 years)
Methodist College

My favourite colour

My favourite colour is purple. When I see purple colour, I feel happy and joyful. Because of that I like to surround myself with purple coloured things.

Purple colour is a mixture of blue and red. There are many shades of purple that I like and they are pale purple, dark purple, violet, mauve and indigo. We can see purple colour in nature like in birds, butterflies and flowers. The rainbow also has two purple shades, indigo and violet.

When I choose my clothes and toys, I always want purple toys and clothes. I have so many things in purple, like hairclips, pens, dolls, water bottle, mug, pencil case, erasers, ruler, spectacles and bed sheet.

My favourite purple coloured flower is the blue lotus. I like to offer the blue lotus to Lord Buddha and worship. I wish to paint my bedroom with purple colour one day.

Nethumini Jayasinghe (9 years)
Musaeus College

Protect animals

Every living being has the right to live in this world. But the world we see today is different. Why? Many of the animals are being harmed. Some are being caged, others are going extinct. We know the polar bears, rhinos, pandas etc., are endangered. It is we who are responsible for this. We have to protect the animals and let them in this world.

Did you know that birds cry in their cages because they need to be free and get in touch with nature? Stray dogs and cats are being harassed. Please don't let them go astray, instead adopt them and help them.

Many people dump garbage into the sea which causes sea creatures to eat a large amount of plastic and polythene waste.

I really appreciate and am grateful to the people, including vets, who show kindness to animals. When you show kindness to animals, nature will reward you. Please show humanity and protect animals because when you show love to them, you gain love back from them.

Shalomi Nithiyaraj (13 years)
Najaa Int. School, Mt. Lavinia

Mountain Bluebird and Scarlet Tanager



Savith Dileesha (12 years)
Vidura College

My favourite sport



Yousuf Sahad (4 years)
Daybridge Int. Montessori School, Dehiwala

Let's protect ourselves from Coronavirus



Ruzaiq Junkeer (10 years)
Carey College

Playing raban for 'Avurudu'



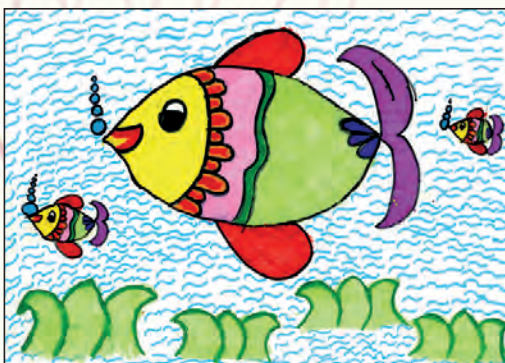
Esandi Ranasinghe (7 years)
Musaeus College

My dog



Sahiru Angelo (Grade 6)
St. Martin de Pores College,
Wennappuwa

A fish



Ramesh Brindhashini (Grade 3)
Royal Int. School, Kegalle

Plane flying in the night sky



Sanidu Wedisinghe (7 years)
Sri Bodhi Vidyalaya, Gampaha

A design



Anujee Nissanka (14 years)
Royal Int. School, Kegalle

My class teacher

My class teacher's name is Indira. She is very kind. I like her. Every day she wears colourful saris. She teaches Sinhala and Drama.

She has black and straight hair. She has brown skin. She looks after us well. She comes to school by bus.

She explains lessons well and it is interesting. I don't know her age. She might be thirty-two. She is a creative teacher.

Thimali Liyanage (Grade 6)
Holy Family B. M. V., Wennappuwa

How I spent my Lent

Lent is a very holy forty days which starts on Ash Wednesday and we should do lots of sacrifices and fast in our meals. It's a very joyful and very good time to get close to Jesus.

We should do good things during the Lent season such as Way of the Cross, helping others and love and be kind to neighbours.

I spent my Lent season very meaningfully by doing these.

Sahiru Angelo (Grade 6)
St. Martin de Pores College,
Wennappuwa

Pandemic Era

Hello little ball with crowns
around

Wearing red colour to cover you
bold

Silencing the kings and queens
Proving that money cannot stop
your comings.

An acute battle you led for the
third time

Isn't it enough this time?

We kids want to go to school
every time

Dangerous little thing
don't go to rooms we breathe.

Friends and families
please listen

Follow the steps of care given
Why not think about others
and the future?

Let's do our part for the world...

Enough, enough, this pandemic
should end.

Amelia Fernando (Grade 9)
Holy Family M. V.,
Wennappuwa

From the eyes of a reader

Reading is a glorious milestone anyone can pursue for a disciplined life. For me, reading my all-time favourite kids' paper, took me on river bends of adventure. It's a rollicking adventure, skidding through the pages, impatient to find out whether my essay made it to the finals of the Kids' World page, where people everywhere can finally read it. I'm sure every member has felt the same impact while being a part of this magazine, whether in prose, reporting or by simply reading!

I'm happy to acknowledge that throughout the past twenty years, youngsters have had a dear friend to share their expressions with. Everything changed since reading became my ultimate hobby. The source of momentum in my leisure time was the same fascinating secret that pushed me to higher standards.

Every short story, report and essay published, conveys a reliable message disregarding its personal aspect: 'Anyone can spark incitement by being unique.'

The key to gradual progress in literacy skills, when brought into a child's life substantially, opens up new doorways. It wouldn't have ever occurred to me that even kids in rural areas were effectively participating, if it wasn't for my passionate reading. I was unconsciously improving my language awareness, the strength to my purpose of being an author.

Though we may cease writing to this paper, having to face the membership limit, 'reaching 15 years' will bring, we'll forever be a part by endless pursuing.

Priscilla Rambukkange (15 years)
Hillwood College, Kandy

